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SUBJECT: EC/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS: DJURANOVIC LETTER TO
JENKINS

REF: BRUSSELS 11515

1. EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS' CHEF DE CABINET
TICKELL LET DCM READ FRENCH TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM
YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER DJURANOVIC TO JENKINS WHICH WAS
REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF THE
LETTER AS RECONSTRUCTED FROM DCM'S NOTES.

2. DJURANOVIC BEGAN BY REFERRING TO CURRENT DIFFICULTIES
IN EC-YUGOSLAV NEGOTIATIONS OVER A NEW AGREEMENT. HE
SAID THAT THE SIZE OF THE BILATERAL TRADE DEFICIT BETWEEN
THE EC AND YUGOSLAVIA WAS REACHING "ALARMING (INQUIETANT)
PROPORTIONS." THIS SITUATION HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO
CREATE "A SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER FRAMEWORK FOR THE FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RELATIONSHIPS." OTHERWISE, NOTED
DJURANOVIC, THE SITUATION RISKED LEADING TO FURTHER NEW
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"NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS."

3. THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT
ORIENTED IN A WAY WHICH WOULD LEAD TO SUFFICIENTLY
POSITIVE RESULTS DERIVES FROM AN INADEQUATE EC MANDATE.
THE MANDATE IS PARTICULARLY INADEQUATE AS A VEHICLE FOR
REALIZING THE JOINT OBJECTIVES TO WHICH YUGOSLAVIA AND

THE EC AGREED IN THEIR JOINT DECLARATION OF DECEMBER 1976. YUGOSLAVIA, SAID DJURANOVIC, CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE THE EXISTING DISPROPORTION IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

4. DJURANOVIC CLOSED BY NOTING THAT HE HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES URGING THEM TO REPLACE THE PRESENT INADEQUATE MANDATE WITH NEW DIRECTIVES TO THE COMMISSION NEGOTIATORS WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE CREATION OF A SOUND BASIS FOR A LARGER RAPPORT IN THE FUTURE BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE COMMUNITY. HE URGED JENKINS TO PROPOSE CHANGES THAT WILL MEET THESE OBJECTIVES. HINTON

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